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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring now to Figs. 3 through 6, one preferred embodiment of the gaming device of the present invention includes two sets of reels 100 and 110. One set of reels 100 has one set of symbols as illustrated in Fig. 3 for a base or primary game. A completely different set of reels 110 having a different set of symbols as illustrated Fig. 5 are provided for a bonus or secondary game. The reels 102, 104 and 106 in the primary game, for example, may include symbols such as A through H and the reels 112, 114 and 116 in the secondary game, for example, may include symbols such as a heart, a star, a diamond, a moon and a square. It should be appreciated that any suitable symbols may be utilized in conjunction with the sets of reels as long as the sets of symbols are different. If the gaming device includes a single video display (Fig. 1A), both sets of reels may be displayed on the same display at different times. If the gaming device includes two video displays (Fig. 1B), two mechanical sets of reels (not shown) or a video display and a mechanical set of reels (not shown), the sets of primary reels 100 and secondary reels 110 may be displayed by the individual displays or mechanical devices. It should further be appreciated that multiple sets of reels could be provided for a plurality of bonus games, wherein each bonus game includes a different set of reels with a different set of symbols.

